

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION**

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1478-01
Bill No.: HB 646
Subject: Economic Development Dept.; Health Care Professionals; Licenses – Professional
Type: Original
Date: March 19, 2003

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development – Division of Professional Registration** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their division.

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office (SOS)** state this proposal affects the Board of Registration for Healing Arts by changing their licensure requirements pertaining to physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. SOS states the Board of Healing Arts may choose to promulgate rules to enact this proposal. These rules could require as many as 22 pages in the *Code of State Regulations* and half again as many pages in the *Missouri Register* because cost statements, fiscal notes and the like are not repeated in the *Code*. SOS estimates the cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* and the *Code of State Regulations* to be \$23 and \$27, respectively. SOS estimates costs of \$1,353 for FY 2004. SOS states the impact of this proposal in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded or withdrawn.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple proposals pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

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FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2004
(10 Mo.)

FY 2005

FY 2006

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2004
(10 Mo.)

FY 2005

FY 2006

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could affect small businesses by allowing some physical therapists to begin practicing sooner.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal contains provisions regarding the licensing of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The proposal:

- (1) Provides for reciprocal, provisional, and temporary licenses;
- (2) Allows additional examination sittings for individuals who meet criteria established in the proposal;
- (3) Requires provisional licensed physical therapists to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist;
- (4) Permits the issuance of temporary licenses to those failing the licensing exam. The duration of the first temporary license will be six months and can only be renewed once. This renewal

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may only be issued if the licensee, after showing good cause, fails to sit for the next scheduled
DESCRIPTION (continued)

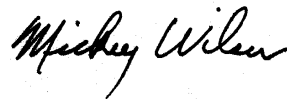
examination. Temporary licenses may be issued to students in their last semester of physical therapy school; and

(5) Requires that applicants only sit for the licensing exam three times. Upon failing the state exam for the second time, an applicant must complete a program of remediation before sitting for the third exam.

This proposal is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development – Professional Registration
Secretary of State's Office – Administrative Rules Division



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